Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0006] of the Clean Substitute Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0006]   A "daisy chain" connection is an individual point-to-point data line connection which is a series or ring ~~connection~~ connections between a central control unit ("the "master") and the other subscribers "(the "slaves"), in the "daisy chain" connection. In a "daisy chain" connection, a signal emitted by the central processing unit on the data line reaches only the first subscriber, is forwarded therefrom to the next subscriber, which in turn forwards the signal to the next subscriber etc. All subscribers can receive identical signals when the signals are not altered upon forwarding. In addition, in contrast to other bus systems, any subscriber in the chain can change one or more signals before it forwards the signal. The time-delayed forwarding allows a plurality of messages to be forwarded on the "daisy chain" connection, for example the second subscriber can forward an electrical signal to the third subscriber while the master is already sending the next signal to the first subscriber.

Please amend paragraph [0017] of the Clean Substitute Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] This and other objects and advantages are achieved by the method and apparatus according to the invention, in which an address allocation period is started by means of a message on the jointly used data bus line. During the address <u>allocation</u> period—~~allocation~~, the message is taken as a basis for electrically breaking the common data bus line into individual subsections by virtue of the control device which are to be addressed using a respective isolating means. In addition, the control devices which are to be addressed place their respective transmission unit at a transmission potential.

Please amend paragraph [0055] of the Clean Substitute Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0055] The data line 2 is ~~rounted~~ <u>routed</u> such that a connection is provided between the subscribing control devices 3-6. The data line is thus connected through between the input and output of the control device.